

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS AND AUTHORITIES**

### **Preconstruction Permits**

1. Notwithstanding compliance with other provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-1 et seq., no person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit to be emitted into the outdoor atmosphere substances in quantities which shall result in air pollution as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:27-5.1. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-5.2(a)]
2. The permittee shall not construct, reconstruct, install, or modify a significant source or control apparatus serving the significant source without first obtaining a preconstruction permit under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(a)]
3. The permittee shall not operate (nor cause to be operated) a significant source or control apparatus serving the significant source without a valid operating certificate. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(b)]
4. Permit Revisions:

The permittee shall not take any action which requires a permit revision, compliance plan change, seven-day-notice change, amendment, or change to a batch plant permit, under any applicable provision at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.17 through 8.23, without complying with that applicable provision.

The following summarize N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.18 through 8.21:

- a. The permittee shall file a permit revision request and receive approval from the Department prior to increasing any maximum allowable emission limit, increasing actual emissions, to a rate or concentration greater than a maximum allowable emission, causing the emissions of a new air contaminant, use a new raw material, reconstructing equipment, change the ground level concentration of an air contaminant in an area where the public has access, replace the permitted source, or constructing or installing a new significant source. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.18]
- b. The permittee shall file a compliance plan change request and receive approval from the Department prior to decreasing the frequency of testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, or reporting, changing the monitoring method, changing a level, rate, or limit of an operational parameter included in the conditions, or reducing a source's potential to emit. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.19]
- c. At least seven days prior to proceeding with a physical or operational change that is outside the scope of activities allowed by this permit, but will not increase emissions over the allowable emissions and will not alter the stack characteristics, the permittee shall file a seven-day-notice change. The permittee may proceed with the proposed changes seven days after such notice is filed with the Department. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.20]
- d. The permittee shall file an amendment within 120 days of making any change of the information contained within Section C of this permit (Facility Profile), changing the name, number or designation of any equipment or stack covered by this permit, changing the parameters of a stack in such a way to reduce the ground level concentration of an air contaminant, or correction of a typographical error that will not result in an increase of actual or allowable emissions. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.21]

The permittee shall review the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.18 through 7:27-8.21 to determine the appropriate type of request to file.

5. The permittee shall make the preconstruction permits, together with any amendments, seven-day-notices, or other documents related to this permits, readily available for inspection on the operating premises. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(d)]
6. The permittee shall not use or cause to be used the equipment or control apparatus unless all components connected or attached to, or serving, the equipment or control apparatus, are functioning properly and are in compliance with the preconstruction permit and certificate and all conditions and provisions thereto. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(e)]
7. A preconstruction permit is not transferable either from the location authorized in the preconstruction permit to another location, or from any one piece of control apparatus or equipment to another piece of control apparatus or equipment. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(f)]
8. Once a permit or certificate is issued, the permittee is fully responsible for compliance with N.J.A.C. 8:27-8 and with the permit and certificate, including adequate design, construction, and operation of the source, even if employees, contractors, or others work on or operate the permitted source. If the Department issues any other requirement with the force of law, such as an order, which applies to the source, the permittee is also responsible for compliance with that requirement. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(g)]
9. Preconstruction permits and certificates do not relieve the permittee from the obligation to obtain all necessary permits from other government agencies and to comply with all other applicable Federal, State, and local rules and regulations. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(h)]
10. The permittee shall not suffer, allow, or permit any air contaminant detectable by the sense of smell to, to be present in the outdoor atmosphere in such quantity and duration which is, or tends to be, injurious to human health or welfare, animal or plant life or property, or would unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property. This shall not include an air contaminant which occurs only in areas over which the permittee has exclusive use or occupancy. In determining whether an odor unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or property, the Department shall consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, the character, severity, frequency, and duration of the odor, and the number of persons affected thereby. In considering these and other relevant facts and circumstances, no one factor shall be dispositive, but each shall be considered relevant in determining whether an odor interferes with the enjoyment of life or property, and, if so, whether such interference is unreasonable considering all of the circumstances. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(j)]
11. The Department and its representatives have the right to enter and inspect any facility or property in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.31. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(m)]
12. There shall be an affirmative defense to liability to penalties for a violation of a preconstruction permit occurring as a result of an equipment malfunction, an equipment start-up, an equipment shutdown, or during the performance of necessary maintenance. The affirmative defense shall be asserted and established as required pursuant to P.L. 1993. c.89 (adding N.J.S.A. 26:2C-19.1 through 2C-19.5) and any rules the Department promulgates thereunder, and shall meet all of the requirements thereof. There shall also be an affirmative defense to liabilities for penalties or other sanctions for noncompliance with any technology based emission limitation in this permit, if the noncompliance was due to an emergency as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.1, provided that the affirmative defense is asserted and established in compliance with 40 CFR 70.6(g) and meets all requirements thereof. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(n)]
13. The permittee shall not cause or use the equipment specified in a preconstruction permit in a manner that will result in the emission of any air contaminant not listed in the Facility Specific Requirements in this Preconstruction Permit at a rate equal to or higher than the applicable reporting threshold set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8 Appendix I, Table A or B. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4(k)1]

14. No air contaminant, or category of air contaminant where accepted by the Department, shall be emitted other than those approved in the preconstruction permit. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(a)]
15. Any person to whom the Department has issued a preconstruction permit or certificate shall comply with all terms and conditions of any order related to the preconstruction permit or certificate. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(a)]
16. The permittee shall maintain all records required in the preconstruction permit for a period of five (5) calendar years from the calendar year within which the record was generated. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(a)]
17. The Department may change the conditions of approval of any approved certificate to operate at the time of renewal of a temporary operating certificate; at the time of approval or renewal of a five-year operating certificate; or at any time during the period a certificate is in effect, if the Department determines that such change is necessary to protect human health or welfare or the environment. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(b)]
18. Upon request of the Department, the permittee shall submit to the Department information relevant to the operation of equipment and control apparatus including all information specified at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(c). [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(c)]
19. If the conditions of a preconstruction permit or certificate to operate require the Department to incur any of the following charges, the permittee shall reimburse the Department for the full amount of these charges: (1) The charges billed by any phone company for the maintenance of a dedicated telephone line required by this permit or the certificate to operate for the electronic transmission of data; or (2) The charges billed by any laboratory for performing the analysis of audit samples collected pursuant to testing or monitoring required by this permit or the certificate to operate. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(g)]
20. Any exceedance of the operating requirements or emission concentrations specified in a preconstruction permit shall be reported within three (3) business days, by writing to the Regional Enforcement Office. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(h)]
21. The permittee shall, when requested by the Department, provide such testing facilities exclusive of instrumentation and sensing devices as may be necessary for the Department to determine the kind and amount of air contaminants emitted from the equipment or control apparatus. The testing facilities shall include the utilities, the structure to hold testing equipment and/or personnel, and any ports in stacks needed to carry out testing required by this permit. During testing by the Department, the equipment and control apparatus shall be operated under such conditions within their capacities as may be requested by the Department. The test facilities may be either permanent or temporary, at the discretion of the person responsible for their provision, and shall conform to all applicable laws, regulations, and rules concerning safe construction and safe practice. Testing facilities which contain platforms and other means of personnel access shall conform to OSHA standards. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13(i)]
22. Upon request of the Department, the permittee shall submit to the Department any record relevant to any permit or certificate. Such records shall be submitted to the Department within thirty (30) days of the request by the Department or within a longer time period if approved in writing by the Department. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.15(a)]
23. The permittee shall submit any required report in a format and on a schedule approved by the Department. Such report shall be transmitted on paper, on computer disk, or electronically, at the discretion of the Department. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.15(b)]
24. Any report submitted to the Department, including but not limited to, a report submitted as an amendment of this permit or the certificate to operate pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3(c) shall

include, as an integral part of the report, certifications complying with N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.39. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.15(c)]

25. Upon request of the Department, the permittee shall report on forms obtained from the Department the air contaminant actual emissions, and information relevant thereto, of any air contaminant or category of air contaminant emitted by the equipment, control apparatus, or source operation. [N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.15(d)]
26. Any emission limit values in a preconstruction permit shall be interpreted to be followed by inherent trailing zeros (0) in the decimal portion of the limit to three significant figures (e.g. a printed limit of "1 lb/hr" means a limit of "1.00 lb/hr").
27. This listing of requirements reflects the state rules and regulations that apply to a majority of sources. If a specific requirement in a rule or regulation that applies to a permittee is not included in this section or in the Facility Specific Requirements that does not relieve the permittee from the obligation to comply with that regulation.
28. The following Department offices may be referenced in a preconstruction permit. Please use the following addresses when submitting any correspondence to these offices:

Bureau of Technical Services  
P. O. Box 437  
380 Scotch Road  
West Trenton, NJ 08625

Central Regional Enforcement Office  
P. O. Box 407  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0407

Metro Regional Enforcement Office  
2 Babcock Place  
West Orange, NJ 07052

Northern Regional Enforcement Office  
1259 Route 46  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Southern Regional Enforcement Office  
1 Port Center – Suite 201  
2 Riverside Drive  
Camden, NJ 08102

29. In accordance with the Air Pollution Control Act at N.J.S.A. 26:2C-19(e), any operation of the equipment which may cause off-property effects, including odors, shall be immediately reported by calling the NJDEP Environmental Action Hotline at (877) 927-6337.